

**Access Support Network
Hepatitis C Project
Preventative Health Grant Program
2015-2016 Final Report**

Project Goals, Objectives, and Output Measures:

The San Luis Obispo County Hepatitis C Project (SLOHCP) accomplished the four primary goals by following specific objectives and key activities:

Goal 1. Increase capacity and quality of care within the healthcare and social service communities to deliver the most appropriate medical care and support services.

- a) Collaborate with pharmaceutical companies to conduct a minimum of 4 medical provider educational lectures.

Goal Outputs:

- At least 4 medical provider educational lectures will be conducted, with at least 8 providers in attendance.

Year end result: SLOHCP staff coordinated with pharmaceutical companies to host 4 educational lectures specifically about hepatitis C care, assessment, and treatment, including the ASN's HIV/Hep C Update Symposium. An average of 12 providers were in attendance at each lecture, and all attendees were local providers.

Goal 2. Provide health education and risk-reduction counseling to clients referred to the SLOHCP.

- a) SLOHCP Health Educator (HE) will conduct a formal intake of newly referred clients and those recently receiving a positive HCV test result.
- b) HE will provide on-going health education and will accompany clients to medical appointments when requested.
- c) HE will provide referrals to supportive service agencies such as Drug and Alcohol Services and/or Mental Health on an as-needed basis.
- d) HE will coordinate patient education forums that will help promote better client health outcomes.

Goal Outputs:

- 50 hepatitis C positive individuals will be referred to and enrolled in the SLO Hepatitis C Project.
- 100 SLOHCP clients will receive direct one-on-one health education and risk-reduction counseling.

Year end result: Fifty-Five (55) hepatitis C positive individuals were referred to and enrolled in the SLO Hep C Project. The SLOHCP continues its efforts in outreach and collaboration with local medical providers to increase testing awareness and ensure that SLO community members with HCV will know of available services. The ASN also received a three year demonstration grant from the California Department of Public Health to increase Hep C testing and Linkage to Care activities. The ASN is also providing in-house Hep C testing opportunities during all office hours and at testing events throughout the year.

One Hundred and Five (105) clients received health education and risk-reduction counseling. The agency continues to advocate for the welfare of diagnosed individuals. During this grant period,

ASN has assisted over 45 clients access curative treatments that successfully eradicated the virus from their body leaving them free of Hep C.

Goal 3. Provide comprehensive benefits counseling to clients referred to the SLOHCP to increase access to publicly-funded insurance services and thus increasing access to appropriate medical care and medications.

- a) SLOHCP Benefits Counselor (BC) will review the income and benefits status of clients and will make recommendations to maximize access to health care.
- b) BC will empower clients to enroll in programs such as SSI, SSDI, GA or other benefits programs. (BC will accompany client in the application process when needed.)

Goal Outputs:

- 100 SLOHCP clients will receive direct one-on-one benefits counseling.

Year end result: One Hundred and Seventeen (117) clients received one-on-one benefits counseling. Due to the introduction of the Affordable Care Act, the need for benefits counseling remains high as most SLOHCP clients require annual assistance in enrollment into either CenCal or a Covered California health insurance plan.

Goal 4. Build and increase awareness in the health care community and the general public of the severe impact of hepatitis C.

- a) SLOHCP staff will participate in monthly CalHEP statewide conference calls, as well as attend two statewide CalHEP meetings.
- b) Staff will schedule and attend advocacy and educational meeting with local and state policy makers in regards to improving the system of care for people living with viral hepatitis.

Goal Outputs:

- 12 CalHEP conference calls will be conducted.
- 1 CalHEP state-wide meeting will be attended.
- 6 legislative / advocacy meetings will be conducted.

Year end result: SLOHCP staff participated in all monthly statewide CalHEP conference calls. One state-wide meeting was scheduled, SLOHCP staff attended. SLOHCP was instrumental in working with Assemblyman Achadjian and Senator Monning to sponsor House Resolution ACR 175. This resolution declared May 19th, 2016 Viral Hepatitis Awareness Day in California. The proclamation declares California's support of statewide and worldwide efforts to raise awareness about this serious and widespread public health concern. This important message has been read to members of the California State Legislature and brings to light the sheer numbers of people affected within our state, the cost savings of early intervention and education and the call to take action in our communities. ACR 175 passed both the Assembly and Senate. The SLOHCP, through CalHEP, was also instrumental in formulating and submitting a budget request to state legislation for 5.6 million dollars towards HCV treatment and prevention. All goal outputs were accomplished during this grant period.

Other accomplishments through other funding streams: Eighty Three (83) SLOHCP clients received a total 6,547 meals through the agency food pantry.

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SLO County PREV HEALTH Profit & Loss
 July 2015 through June 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun 16</u>
Income	
5450001 · County of SLO HCV Grant	23,000.00
Total Income	<u>23,000.00</u>
Gross Profit	23,000.00
Expense	
0000000 · G & A	
0050250 · Employee Benefits/Health	349.80
Total 0000000 · G & A	<u>349.80</u>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	
ETT	9.69
FICA	1,278.08
Medi	298.85
SUI	364.58
6560 · Payroll Expenses - Other	20,699.00
Total 6560 · Payroll Expenses	<u>22,650.20</u>
Total Expense	<u>23,000.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>